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## PUBLIC SENTIMENT WOULD PROVE.

There is little if any doubt that if Connecticut's Senatorial contest could be submitted to a popular vote, Mr. Hill would receive a heavy majority and would be supported by many Democrats as well as by much more than half of the Republicans. There is even less doubt that manufacturing commercial and banking interests are very heavily in favor of Mr. Hill.

Yet this important matter is to be settled by a caucus of the Republican members of the General Assembly, more or less of whom obey the dictates, not of their constituents, but of an irresponsible, unrepresentative, autocratic State machine composed mostly of county bosses. Is it right?

The Farmer believes that should, contrary to expectation, a caucus of the Republican legislators show a majority for Branderage on the first ballot, Mr. Hill's supporters would be abundantly justified in refusing to go into caucus or to be bound by its action, and in carrying the contest into the General Assembly itself. They would have public sentiment behind them. It is a matter involving more than what might be called party ethics. A similar procedure was once followed in this State, and the results were beneficial.

We do not know what action the Democratic legislators would take in such event, but we may fairly assume that as between Hill and Branderage they would, after a complimentary ballot for some prominent Democrat, give their votes to the former.

Director Blitz is in favor of oiling public highways for the prevention of dust and, incidentally, the preservation of road surfaces. Has any one considered closely the effect of oiled roads upon rubber tires? It is a well established fact that oil has a deteriorating effect upon rubber.

Banker Clews concludes his annual financial review, with the following: "With the rise of confidence in business circles, and an abatement of political scores, the coming year should be one of growing industrial activity. The wise ones, however, will move cautiously and not indulge in excessive optimism. The moderate course will be the safest one."

This is about the average opinion in banking circles, and the moderate course advised by Mr. Clews is certainly the safe policy. Moderation cannot harm, while a rushing course might meet with disaster.

However great may be the State's financial needs, it would scarcely be good policy to reimpose the State tax on the towns until all obey the law requiring full valuation assessments. With the grand lists of some towns showing full valuation, and those of others showing valuations of from 33 1-3 to 75 per cent. only, there would under a State tax be a manifest inequality of taxation. Of course, the State board of Equalization could and probably would do something toward remedying the situation, but it is a matter with which the towns themselves can best deal.

Judge Banks hasn't, he says, told any one where he stands on the Senatorial question. Under modern political procedure, this is the usual custom of candidates for office other than the one in question. And yet, there are rumors that committee positions which are in the gift of the speaker of the House, are being promised in exchange for votes for U. S. Senators. If this be true, there is a direct connection between the candidates for U. S. Senators and for Speaker and while Judges Banks and Malone may not express themselves openly as between Messrs. Hill and Branderage they may be aiding one or the other by pledges of committee positions.

A question for international publicists to consider gravely is whether it would not be well to close up the worst of the world's earthquake sections to re-settlement whenever their resident populations are practically exterminated, as in Sicily and Calabria at present. It seems worse than useless to permit their repopulation when recurrences of such disasters are only matters of time. The earth's crust in such places is evidently too thin for human safety. But the publicists may shock the world by saying the disasters of great magnitude are really beneficial in that they reduce populations increasing too rapidly. This argument has heretofore been used in justification of great wars.

Editor Clark of the Hartford Courant has visited President-elect Taft, and it is fairly presumable that, although the latter has disclaimed heretofore any intention of interfering in Senatorial contests, the Connecticut situation was fully placed before him.

Judge Taft may not interfere openly but there cannot be a reasonable doubt that whatever influence may be possessed by him or by President Roosevelt, will be quietly used in Mr. Hill's support. There is the more reason for this belief, from the fact that pressure in favor of Branderage is being applied by the Anti-Administration Republican Senators at Washington. The Courant recently warned them against such interference, saying that the Connecticut Senatorial election is "not at all the business of a senatorial cabal at Washington that lies awake nights to hate Theodore Roosevelt and worked overtime last winter and spring to prevent the nomination of William Howard Taft."

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**C. S. WRITER TAKES BISHOP TO TASK**

**Denies that Faith of Mother Eddy is a Religion of Errors and Negations.**

Editor of the "Farmer." Dear Sir:—Will you kindly allow me to call attention to some of the statements made by Bishop Brewster in his article "Healing and Christian Science," and reprinted in recent issue of your paper. In speaking of Christian Science, Bishop Brewster says, "Doubtless certain of its affirmations are true, however little originality it may rightly claim for them. Its error lies in its negations, for example, its denial of the virtue of the Sacraments, of the benefit of any medicines, and the like denials."

The affirmations of Christian Science are based upon such statements as these, "I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside me; I glided thee, though thou hast not known me."

"That they may be known from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me, I am the Lord, and there is none else."

The positive affirmation of this truth as set forth by Isaiah, is in itself a denial of all else which in any way lays claim to power or presence. Likewise, conceding power to inanimate drugs—as having power in themselves—and to rely upon rites and ceremonies would be to deny God, than whom there is none else.

The history of medicine itself shows it to be of pagan origin, and used by the pagan priesthood with incantations, and in four thousand years, material medicine has not gone beyond the experimental stage.

The statement that Christian Science "arrives itself against the Church of Christ," is erroneous. Jesus founded his church on the statement of Simon, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God!" That is to say, thou hast declared the Messiah, the very spirit of God, of Life, Truth, and Love, thereby eliciting from the Master the benediction, "Blessed art thou Simon Bar-Jonah; for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." Upon this foundation, the spiritual import of Jesus' life work, Christian Science builds.

The statement that "psychology is a new science," is misleading, for suggestion, animal magnetism, or Mesmerism as it has been known since 1775, has been a belief with mortals ever since the serpent, as portrayed in the allegory of Genesis, said, "Ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil," and for this knowing, "the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil; and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and live forever: The Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he came."

The teaching and practice of Christian Science is based unflinchingly on the spiritual word of God, and the life work of Jesus the Christ, who came to destroy the works of the devil, and he healed the sick—and so did his disciples, not according to material medicine. The devil, (slanderer) typified by the serpent in the allegory, was a liar from the beginning, bringing mortals into captivity to that which is opposed to Spirit. God, Jesus gave a knowledge of the Truth to a sin-sick world, which Truth makes free to-day according to his promise. Hundreds of thousands of people rise up and call him blessed, because of the healing Truth which has come to the world in this age, known as Christian Science.

Day after day, the sick are healed, the dying are raised from beds of pain, after the wisdom of man has failed, and material medicine has done all within its power.

A spiritual union, and the peace of knowing God aright even in a small degree, has come on earth. Christian Science does not cruelly abandon the victim of disease to his fate, but points upward to the living God, "with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

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The \$7,000 which was appropriated last year for the purpose of establishing a bulk head at Admiral street, and paying for extra transportation costs of the garbage in boats to be loaded at the bulkhead has not been spent by the Board of Health and it is understood that the board will ask for the reappropriation of the money as the By-Products Company claims it will get away just as soon as possible.

The company does not have to get the permission to establish the fish plant from the town authorities by the methods as the state laws require for the transportation of garbage from one town to another. It is thought that the company will be able to educate East Lyme to garbage through the reduction of manhatten and other fish. If it proves that it has an odorless plant it may be possible in the future to transport the garbage of this and other cities there for reduction.

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